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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Nang T. Tran et al. Confirmation No. 6822  
Serial No.: 10/047,373  
Filed: January 14, 2002  
Examiner: Maurina T. Rachuba  
Group Art Unit: 3723  
Docket No.: 10303US02  
Title: INLINE LAPPING OF MAGNETIC TAPE

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed August 27, 2003, the period of response for which runs through September 27, 2003 (a Saturday).

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1-7, and 28, drawn to a method, classified in class 451, subclass 54.

Group II. Claims 8-27, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 451, subclass 69.

In addition, the Examiner identified the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1 - slitting then lapping the tape

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Species 2 - lapping then slitting the tape

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 8-27) without traverse. Please withdraw claims 1-7 and 28.

In response to the Election requirement, Applicants hereby elect Species 1, without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 8-26 are readable on Species 1.

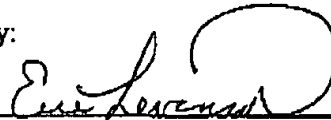
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